

ICT for Business: Concertation Mechanism

**First Cluster
Concertation Meeting
CCAB, 9-10/12/2004**



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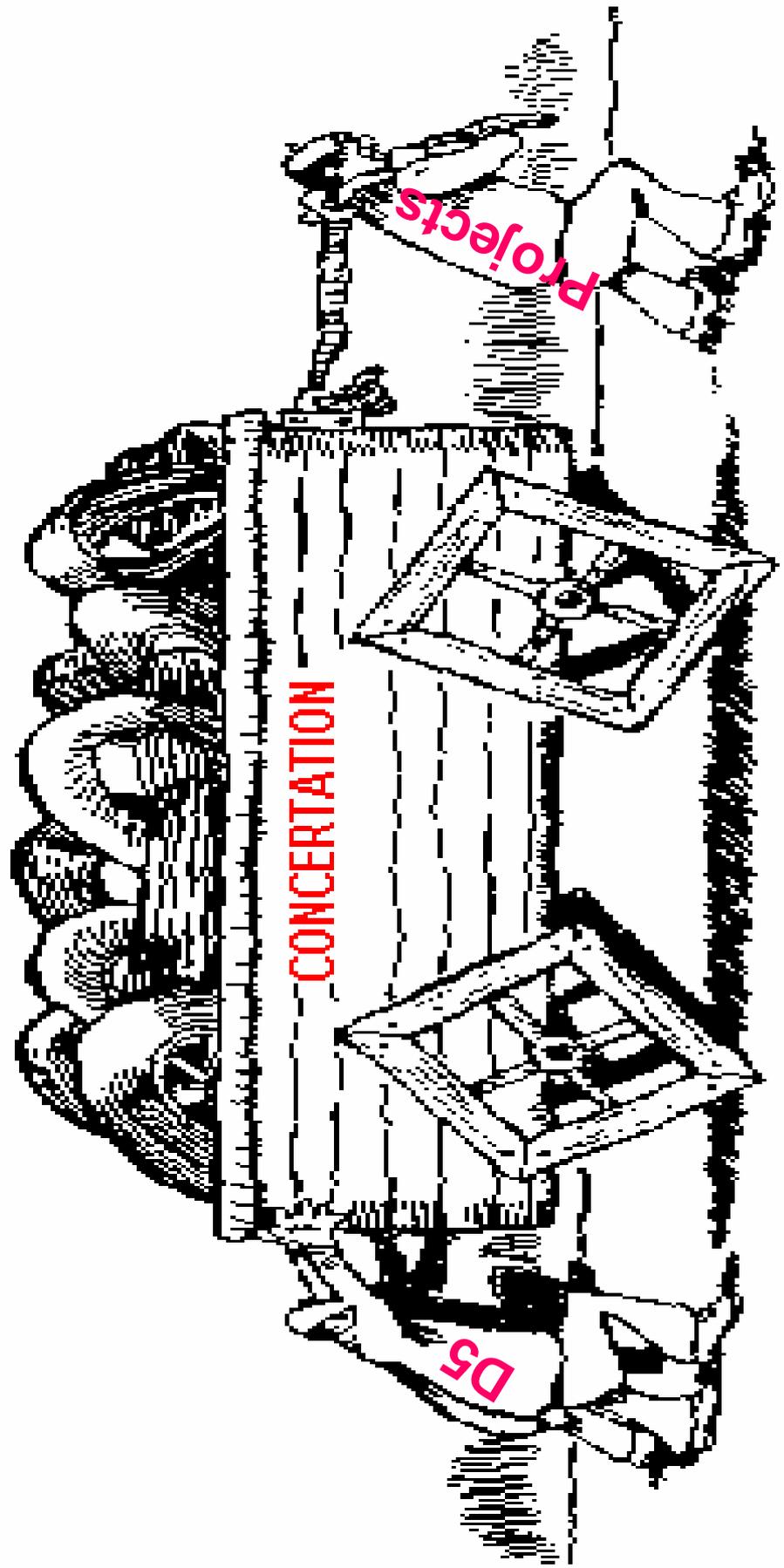
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Definition

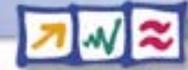
Concertation is a key process which ensures that the value of the cluster programme as a whole exceeds that of the individual projects taken in isolation

- Sharing knowledge and experience to mutual benefit
- Encouraging the convergence of ongoing work on the most important issues → consensus building

Aims

- A forum for projects working on similar technical problems to share ideas and experiences
- Constructive review and monitoring by peers having an understanding of the issues being addressed
- Opportunities for developing a consensus view among peer projects, where such a consensus is required
- A focus for occasional topical workshops serving the e-business community

Objectives



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1. To ensure cohesion and coherence in the work of RTD projects within a Cluster or the whole e-Business Domain
2. To develop a broad consensus on guidelines for advanced e-Business deployment, adoption and use

Scope

- **Clusters acting as Co-ordination Groups**
 - Working in parallel sessions
 - In association with the main Concertation plenary
- **Focus of the work on**
 - A peer review
 - Examination of technical issues of common interest
 - Discussion on RTD/Policy interactions
- **Projects of a more horizontal nature**
 - Have a special role which requires contact with all RTD work
 - Yet discussions should start from within the 'home Cluster'
- **Key conclusions and recommendations**
 - Also for the benefit of those outside the projects

Criteria

- A defined set of objectives and outputs (“Deliverables”) seen to be useful to a wider community
- Building upon key strengths of IST and its results
- A short burst of activity from projects within a fixed time frame
- Seeking improvement of the underlying technologies
- Considering demand viability
- Freedom of projects to join, or leave
- Having an elected Chairperson
 - EC Cluster leader? Someone from a project – if so, a support action?
- Using electronic methods of working
- Meetings limited to the minimum necessary
- Clear and concise documentation of the results

‘Usefulness’ in causing something to happen that would not otherwise be the case, with particular reference to economy and/or society at large

Re-alignment

A continual effort will be made to align e-Business Concertation with changes in its working environment

- New ‘ICT for Business’ projects
- Progress or changes in related activities outside of the Domain (e.g., standards, user groups, industry groups, local/regional networks)
- Structural changes affecting the role of the key players

4 Clusters Proposed

- Technologies for digital ecosystems
- Ambient intelligence technologies for the product lifecycle
- Reference models and technologies for business networking
- Enterprise interoperability

Meeting to discuss and validate the 'Identity' of the Clusters

Networked IST-FP6 projects

INTEROP

ATHENA

No-Rest

TrustCoM

DBE

Legal-IST

SATINE

CrossWork

ECOLEAD

Mosquito

MyCarEvent

MyTreasury

XBRL in Europe

Co-DesNet

ILIPT

Spider-Win

V-CES

VERITAS

VE-FORUM

Aml for the Product Lifecycle; Reference Models and Technologies for Business Networking; Digital Ecosystems; Enterprise Interoperability

Objectives of this Meeting



- Provide general information from Commission
- Validate the 'Identity' of the Clusters
- Define a Workplan for 2005
 - Concise, flexible
- Discuss on the management of Concertation
 - Election of the Concertation process chairmanship →
 - Monitoring of work
 - Balancing activities of Clusters
 - Resolving potential overlaps in activities
 - Ensuring useable quality output
- Agree on future meetings and venues

Agenda

- 9/12/2004
 - Information from the Commission + feedback
- 10/12/2004
 - Parallel streams
 - Election of Chairperson in each Cluster
 - Workplan per Cluster
 - Future meetings and venues
 - Plenary meeting
 - Reporting, consolidation of results, and general discussion
 - Next steps
 - Events, conferences, exhibitions

Conclusions

- Build upon previous Co-ordination activities
 - 3 meetings on 23/10/2003 (at eChallenges conference); 7/11/2003; 26/04/2004
- Extend aim of co-ordination towards achieving Domain-level results
- Cluster Concertation with monitorable objectives, indicators of progress, and proper reporting
- Clusters to remain ‘open’
 - to new projects from IST Calls 3 & 5 and IST-NMP Joint Calls
 - to other IST Domains following a similar pattern
 - to relevant EU national and regional RTD activities (ERA)
 - to relevant international activities

THANK YOU!



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